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Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" May I request the Hon. Minister to find out?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan :—" It is too general a matter to be looked into."

Payment of subsidies to Loan and Sale Societies on account of their working expenses.

* 360 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are giving subsidies to any Loan and Sale Societies for their working expenses as they have done in the case of the Central Land Mortgage Bank;

(*b*) whether any loans are being given for building warehouses for these societies as recommended by the Provincial Banking Enquiry Committee; or

(*c*) whether help in any other way is being given?

A.—(*a*) No. The Registrar of Co-operative Societies has sent proposals for making subsidies to enable these societies to rent godowns and to meet the cost of marketing agents, propagandists and clerical establishment employed by such societies. These are under the consideration of the Government.

(*b*) The Government had already been granting long-term loans to these societies to build godowns up to 50 per cent of the cost of construction of godowns. Up to the end of 1929–30 a sum of Rs. 14,750 was lent to societies for the construction of godowns at Orattanad North and South in Tanjore, Ambur in North Arcot, Nandyal in Kurnool, Madurāntakam in Chingleput, Maripudi in Guntur and Nangavaram in the Trichinopoly district. No loans were granted in subsequent years. It is understood that there has been no appreciable demand for such loans from societies for the reasons that these societies were not able to secure sufficient business to keep their godowns fairly full throughout the year and to enable them to repay out of their income, the loans raised for the construction of godowns.

(*c*) The Government have employed 24 senior inspectors of co-operative societies for the supervision of non-credit societies in the Presidency which include loan and sale societies. They have also employed eight junior inspectors for the intensive supervision of select loan and sale societies in some districts in their initial stages.